

**MINUTES FROM MH WORKGROUP MEETING**  
**Monday, June 23, 2003**

**Recorded by Leslie Weisman, LCSW**  
**Aftercare Coordinator, Arlington CSB**

**(Please note there were no minutes from the last MHWG on 6/5/03 as it was a work session.)**

**Welcome and Introductions were made.**

**Updates since last MH Workgroup Meeting –**

Private Psychiatric Hospital Group - met on 6/11/03. The group was updated on the progress of the Partnership Project. They were provided with the updated Visions, Principles and Objectives for the Project for their review. They also reviewed the Level of Treatment Matrix which was conducted at all the private hospitals. A discussion ensued around further steps toward collaboration and partnering, particularly around discharge planning and geropsychiatry issues. The regional Aftercare coordinators will join this group on 7/21/03 to begin a discussion around discharge planning. The Older Adult Mental Health Coordinators will join the group in the Fall.

DAD Coordinating Committee met on 6/12/03. Discussed the \$550,000 in unspent FY03 private bed purchase dollars. Also had a discussion around the proposed VACSB dollars which are allocated to each CSB with a proposed Regional Project expected. The Regional Project would allocate \$1.2 million dollars to our region. Unspent dollars could be used to fund consumer needs as they leave the state facility. There was also discussion around using dollars to fund Individual Service Plans (ISPs) to provide clinical and residential services that meet each consumer's needs as they leave the hospital. Further discussion at the next DAD meeting on 7/3/03.

**Updates from Lynn DeLacy** – Lynn provided an update from the Structural Workgroup on the 14 areas they identified as potential areas for regional collaboration. These will be reviewed further at the next Steering Committee meeting and will be included in the Initial Report to the Commissioner. Lynn will be at a meeting tomorrow in Richmond where the Regional Projects will be discussed. She will bring information from that meeting to the next MH Workgroup.

**Proposed DAD Reinvestment Initiative for Northern Virginia** – reviewed Jim Thur's memo of 6/18/03. This memo provides background on the Regional Partnership Plan including a brief history of the WINTEX project and DAD project. The primary purpose of the memo is to propose the transfer of fiscal agent responsibilities for private bed purchase dollars from NVMHI to a CSB. The monies would be temporarily held in escrow with the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB until a regional entity can be identified. The proposal was endorsed. There are some minor changes to language that were suggested. The total funding of the Regional Reinvestment Initiative for FY 2004 (\$2.5 million) needs to be reviewed in terms of the breakout of the dollars.

**Outline for Northern Virginia Regional Partnership Planning Report** – Joan Durman reviewed the report that she formulated for submission to the Commissioner. Input will be incorporated in several areas, e.g. inclusion of WSH numbers for the Levels of Treatment matrix, addition of inpatient transitional services and residential services as issues which were identified by the MH Workgroup as needing further attention. There was also elaboration around state and regional-level actions to be reviewed.

**Memos from Dr. Reinhard dated May 27, 2003** – lengthy discussion around the memos from the Commissioner which ask for all Regional Planning groups to "give particular attention" to the findings from the Access and Alternatives report of November 2002. Also, there was discussion around the documents from the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association which serve as a response to the Access & Alternatives Report.

**Wrap Up** – numerous issues were identified for study over the next year. Time did not allow for prioritizing the issues. We will start Phase 2 with a presentation from Liberty Healthcare on their Arkansas Partnership Program. This is an innovative program serving dually diagnosed consumers with a history of criminal behavior.

Future meetings of the MHWG will be scheduled, as much as possible, to precede the meetings of the Steering Committee.

**Next Steps – Meeting Plan for June – July 2003**

**Tuesday, July 29            12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.   MH Workgroup Meeting** (Location: NVMHI)

**No August meeting scheduled. We will schedule a September meeting when we meet in July.**